

Letters to the Editor of The Times

Undermining of Diem

To the Editor:

I would like to make three comments on your hard-hitting editorial of June 9 "Ground War in Asia":

You point out that the character of United States involvement in the war in Vietnam has changed. Correct.

You point out that a major factor leading to greater United States involvement is political instability in South Vietnam. Correct.

You fail to mention the fact that The New York Times took the lead, two years ago, in castigating the Diem Government—thus contributing to the undermining and final overthrow of that government and to the political instability which you now decry.

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